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For: "IMPREGNATION METHOD"

**APPLICANT'S AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111
TO UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE EXAMINER'S ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

I INTRODUCTION

On August 1, 2003, an United States Patent and Trademark Office Action was issued in the nature of a restriction requirement. In this Action, the Examiner required Applicant to elect a single group from three groups of claims and to make the necessary amendments in support of this election. The Examiner provided a shortened

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statutory period for response of one (1) month from the mailing date of the Action, *i.e.*, to September 1, 2003. Applicant submits herewith a Request for Extension of Time of one month, *i.e.*, to October 1, 2003, to reply to this Action. Accordingly, Applicant's Response is timely as it is being filed on October 1, 2003.

II ELECTION OF CLAIMS

Applicant elects the Group II set of claims comprised of claims 1–48 drawn to a post-harvest protection. Applicant's Amendments set forth below are in support of this election and in response to other requirements set forth in the Official Action.